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I hope you and others will be
on hand, as I shall depend upon
you to debate questions of order
if they shall arise, while I
am getting my speech through
the mill. If you will watch
this point, I can keep my
mind on the subject, and
shall not get confused tho
ugh interrupted every five
minutes.

I would give you an outline
of the argument I intend, but
have not time as Mr. Bish-
op, ~~writes~~ by whom I send this
note while I write this hasty
scrawl. Yours &c. Luther Lee.

will be so shaped as not to conflict with the views of any, from the high Churchman down to the Independent. It will be an argument for a ministry, and not for this or that particular form of induction into office. Of course I shall so shape my argument as to prove that there is now, and must be a ministry - a class of authorized religious teachers in distinction from the body of Christians - and when I ^{shall} have proved ^{this}, the public will not be at a loss where to look for this ministry.

Rev. Luther Lee,

Samuel March 20. 1841.

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My dear Brother: Your letter of the 15 inst has been recd. I agree with you about the statement of the question concerning the ministry— We shall have trouble about it, but must do the best we can. I shall debate the right question, if I speak at all, whether it be before the convention or not.

I shall be present, the Lord willing, on Tuesday and Thursday, but must be absent on Wednesday, after noon at least. I should be glad to obtain the floor soon after the convention is organized and make my speech on the first day. My argument.